

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 24, 2011 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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Attendees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Edward J. Theberge, Chris Fuller, John Sheridan, John DaSilva, Patricia Read

Absentees: Eileen Collins

Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall

1 - Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

2 – New/Review Applicants

None

3- Review of Minutes

a. April 26, 2011 Regular Meeting

Mr. Fuller made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Ms. Read.

The motion passed.

b. May 9, 2011 Special Meeting

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the minutes with an amendment that adds

closed cornice returns after the term “pork chops.” Ms. Read seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4 - Old Business

a. Financial Report

Mr. DaSilva reports that \$1,339.88 has been spent to date in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Calculating current and future expenses brings the total for the year to \$2,323.88.

Expenses this month are the secretary stipend of \$110, payment to TAP for mailers at \$817.95, and two payments to Lakeville Computer for the Web site at \$90 each.

Mr. DaSilva has not had the opportunity to meet with the Town Planner re-the Website. He said he has been the overseer of the site for many years and because he no longer has the time he would like someone else to take over. He suggests Mr. Fuller.

At this time the old Web site is still in operation. Before the new site, managed by the Planner within the Town Website, can be operational there are corrections, changes, etc. to be made.

In answer to a question from Gen. Valente, Mr. DaSilva said in reality

there's not much left to do. The problem is that the Planner does the Web site work in her spare time whereas at Lakeville Computer, it is their job.

Gen Valente asked, "Would we be better off with Lakeville?" Mr. DaSilva said yes. But the cost has to be factored into any decision. The WVHDC budget for 2011-2012 has been reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000.

Mr. Fuller agreed to take on the Web site oversight and will discuss the situation with Planner Wells and report back to the committee next month. In the meantime, Lakeville will be retained for another quarter.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to pay Lakeville the \$180 due, the \$817.95 owed TAP and the secretary stipend, seconded by Mr. Theberge. The motion passed.

Mr. DaSilva also made a motion that the oversight of the Website be taken over by another committee member (Mr. Fuller), seconded by Ms. Read. The motion passed.

b. Status Report

There are two open projects, the Dallaire project for \$20,000 on State Street and 2nd Story

Theatre on Market Street for \$52,600.

5 - New Business

Mr. Theberge said that the Old Warren Marina on Baker Street is having a new roof

installed. The owners did not come before the WVHDC beforehand in accordance with the

historic property easement. Mr. Theberge suggested sending a letter to the Town Manager

apprising him of the situation, with a copy to the Building Official. Gen. Valente said he

would first like to see the deed restriction document and asked the secretary to obtain a

copy.

“Then we will determine where we stand,” he said.

Also---

Ms. Read asked if a letter could be sent to ask Touisset homeowners Al and Pat Joe what

their plans are for their home. The couple had said they were going to make improvements

but any progress appears to have stalled, she said. The secretary was asked to draft a letter

to that effect.

5 - Adjournment

Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fuller and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.